

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 193

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Gale Collett on her selection as the 2014–2015 Sevier County Primary Grades Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee’s students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gale Collett is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Collett has been selected as the 2014–2015 Sevier County Primary Grades Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Collett serves with acumen and alacrity as the pre-kindergarten teacher at Trula Lawson Early Childhood Education Center, and has been an educator for ten years; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Collett is an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, a gifted leader, Dr. Gale Collett was an adjunct instructor in Early Childhood Education at Walters State Community College. She was the co-creator of a pre-kindergarten assessment tool for emergent pre-kindergarten skills and progress for Sevier County Schools, and she was the Emergent Writing Assessment Pre-K Training Coordinator in that county; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work in the classroom, she has presented at numerous educational conferences and parent workshops; she has participated in the Vanderbilt

University Peabody Research Institute's Prekindergarten Longitudinal Study; and she has been an AdvancEd Quality Assurance Review team member; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Collett is also an active band booster and a Vacation Bible School teacher at First United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Dr. Gale Collett earned the International Reading Association's Celebrate Literacy Award in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gale Collett truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Gale Collett on being chosen as the 2014–2015 Sevier County Primary Grades Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.